

YOUTH PROGRAMS WITH A BUSINESS AND/OR ENTREPRENEURIAL FOCUS
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AGRICULTURE EDUCATION CHALLENGE GRANTS PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) announces a call for applications for the Secondary and Two-Year Postsecondary Agriculture Education Challenge Grants Program (SPEC). The SPEC program seeks to: (a) promote and strengthen secondary education and two-year postsecondary education in agriscience and agribusiness in order to help ensure the existence in the United States of a qualified workforce to serve the food and agricultural sciences system; and (b) promote complementary and synergistic linkages among secondary, two-year postsecondary, and higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences in order to advance excellence in education and encourage more young Americans to pursue and complete a baccalaureate or higher degree in the food and agricultural sciences. Applications may be submitted by eligible public secondary schools (the category supported in FY 2004 is limited to grade levels 9-12) and public or private, nonprofit junior or community colleges. For the entire Request for Applications document, including mailing addresses and contact information, click on: <http://www.reeusda.gov/1700/funding/rfaspec.htm>. A complete set of required forms must accompany the application.

AVIATION CAREER EDUCATION

The Aviation Career Education (ACE) Academy is a three-day aviation career fair for Idaho high school students and is held each summer in Boise. The schedule involves presentations from various aviation schools, career fields, and specialties. Speakers from the US Air Force Academy, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and the local flight school are on the program each year. Air Traffic Controllers, airport managers, airline crews, mechanics, pilots and aircraft manufacturers are all represented. Tours are given of the Boise Airport, the National Guard, professional ballooning and a local kit aircraft manufacturer. The highlight of the program is a flight with a volunteer pilot into the Boise foothills to one of the local airports. Many of the students receive their first flight in a small aircraft in this program but all leave with a new desire to fly or follow one of the many paths into aviation. For additional information on this program please visit the ACE Web site at www2.state.id.us/itd/aero/aerohome.htm. Contact either Frank Lester at flester@itd.state.id.us or Tammy Shoen at tshoen@itd.state.id.us or at (208) 334-8776 for more information.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA

The mission of BPA is to contribute to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic and technological skills. Business Professionals of America is for any student who is taking classes related to the Business & Management career pathway at the high school level and at the postsecondary two-year or four-year level. Involvement as an active Business Professionals of America member is one of the most rewarding aspects of a business education program. Contact Angie Neal at aneal@pte.state.id.us or Rebecca Davis, at rdavis@pte.state.id.us or Kristy Dorsey for further information. They may also be reached at (208) 334-3216 or by fax at (208) 334-2365. Also, go to Idaho's BPA's Web site at <http://www.idahobpa.org>.

CAREER INFORMATION SYSTEM

CIS is a self-employment and entrepreneurship module represented by several departments and divisions of the state of Idaho. This module provides information that describes entrepreneurship and being self-employed including setting up your own business, keeping records, and financial considerations plus the types of careers that lends themselves to becoming self-employed. An interactive on-line assessment helps students understand the personal characteristics that contribute to becoming a successful businessperson. Contact Chuck Mollerup for more information about demonstrations and training, or Dena Pengilly and Christie Stoll at (208) 334-3705 or go to the Web site at <http://www.idahocis.org/>. To access the information use a guest user name of "ecis04" and password of "careers."

CENTER FOR DISCOVERY, THE

The Center for Discovery After School Program in Idaho County has incorporated an entrepreneurial section in its program. Contact Mary Schmidt, Idaho County Extension Office to learn more about this program at (208) 983-0251 or mschmidt@uidaho.edu.

EDUCATIONAL CO-OP PROGRAM

The Educational Co-op Program at Council High School has a youth program for seniors through the school district, which partners with area businesses in placing students in study/work related situations. Students, for example, that take a course in Horticulture are placed in a local floral shop and nursery, one class period a day, to get hands-on experience in the related field. They don't receive pay, but can earn one credit towards graduation instead. The employing partner does an evaluation every two weeks and has specific criteria to follow. Contact Francee Wassard for additional information at (208) 253-4201 or e-mail council@ctcweb.net or go to the Web site www.councilidaho.net.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING (IDAHO 4-H)

Love It, Plan It, Do It This curriculum is designed to empower youth with the knowledge, skills, and mindsets to meet the challenges of work and community in the 21st century. Youth learn what it takes to be an Entrepreneur and whether they have the "right stuff". They learn about types of business, products and pricing, marketing, business plans. They actually start a business of their own. The Helpers Guide is full of hands-on activities for group meetings. All activities are correlated to the national educational standards and benchmarks for middle and high school students. Contact Arlinda Nauman, State 4-H office, 208-885-7276 or anauman@uidaho.edu or visit the <http://www.agls.uidaho.edu/4-h>.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEADERSHIP GRANTS

The Goldman Sachs Foundation is seeking grant applications in areas that include advancing high academic achievement at public and alternative schools; fostering partnerships to improve education; and developing future entrepreneurs and global leaders. The Foundation's purpose is to equip young people with the skills to lead productive lives. Details are available at www.gs.com/our_firm/the_culture/social_responsibility/gf_foundation.html.

DECA AND DEC ASSOCIATIONS OF MARKETING STUDENTS

DECA and DEC are marketing organizations for students preparing for careers in the marketing and distribution field. These organizations (DECA at the secondary and DEC at the postsecondary) are an integral part of the instructional programs and are an effective student motivator that creates learning opportunities in leadership development, civic consciousness, social intelligence and all areas of the marketing industry. Local membership for DECA is 411 and 139 for DEC. Contact Dick Winn at dwinn@pte.state.id.us or Lori Playstead at event@mindspring.com or egallup@pte.state.id.us regarding the programs. They may also be reached at (208) 334-3216 or by fax (208) 334-2365 or go to the Marketing Education Web site for additional information at <http://www.pte.state.id.us/marketng/deca.htm>.

FINANCIAL CHAMPIONS (IDAHO 4-H)

This curriculum teaches about needs, and wants, money personalities and values, goal-setting, communication, ways to use and save money, the benefits and drawbacks of credit, advertising influences, consumer decision making and how to select financial services. An interactive web-based game, "The Financial Champions Academy" is available to reinforce the concepts taught in the curriculum. Contact is Arlinda Nauman, State 4-H office, 208-885-7276 or anauman@uidaho.edu or visit the <http://www.agls.uidaho.edu/4-h>.

GEM BOYS STATE

The American Legion Veteran's Organization founded the Boys State program to teach young men about government and politics. Today, every state except Hawaii conducts Boys State. Idaho began to host the program in 1943. The program in Idaho, which is called Gem Boys State, American Legion Gem Boys State is a political science experience for juniors in Idaho High Schools. The program strives to educate young men about the three branches of government: legislative, judicial, and executive, on the three levels of local government in Idaho: city, county and state. Boys State is a hands-on, weeklong program held every summer. This year it will be located at Albertson's College in Caldwell from June 13, 2004 through June 19, 2004. Questions may be directed to 208-342-7061 or Adj@idaholegion.com.

IDAHO BUSINESS WEEK

Idaho Business Week (IBW) is a one-week residential business education program for high school students. Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors, IBW offers an intensive, hands-on introduction to business fundamentals focusing on the values and principles of the free enterprise system and entrepreneurship. Participants are introduced to a variety of business related topics such as - supply and demand, pricing, marketing, profit, production, stock market, technology, and total quality management. Students are able to interact with business professionals from throughout the state. In the process, students develop life skills including leadership, teamwork, communication and change management. Contact Robert Hirai, Idaho Business Week for any questions at (208) 345-2166, (800) 345-2161, or e-mail at ibw@iaci.org. For additional information go to www.iaci.org/bweek/index.htm

IDAHO FFA ASSOCIATION

The Idaho FFA Association is the organization of, by and for students enrolled in Agricultural Science & Technology programs in the State of Idaho. The Idaho FFA Association is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of members by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. FFA activities, career development events, and award programs complement instruction by giving students practical experience in the application of skills and knowledge gained in the classroom. A major emphasis of the FFA is the development of leadership skills to prepare members for leadership roles in their careers. Contact Richard Ledington for more information at dledint@pte.state.id.us, or Lisa Shively at rfarm@dcdi.net, or Tammy Ackerland at tackerla@pte.state.id.us. They can also be reached at (208) 334-3216 or by fax at (208) 334-2365. Also, go to the FFA Web site at <http://164.165.152.36/ast/idahoffa.htm> for additional information.

IDAHO SYRINGA GIRLS STATE

The Idaho Syringa Girls State conference is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. The program teaches young women across Idaho the principles of freedom, justice, and democracy. Young women from across the state come together for a week of learning about how city, county, and state governments function and how political parties operate. This year it is located at the Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa from June 13, 2004 to June 19, 2004. Contact Bridget Barrus at (208)375-3628 or go to www.idahogirlsstate.com

IDAHO'S PROMISE

There is a vision and enthusiasm in Idaho to create an environment where all children and youth thrive. Entire communities are gathering around a common goal to provide young people with the resources they need to lead healthy and productive lives. The Association of Idaho Cities and Idaho Values Youth Partnership is actively engaged in assisting Idaho communities in creating a positive and nurturing environment for all children and youth. Specific goals of Idaho's Promise are caring adults, safe places, healthy start, marketable skills and opportunities to serve. Idaho's Promise has active chapters in communities across the State. Contact Mandy De Castro at 208-333-7733, mdecastro@idahocities.org or go to www.idahospromise.org.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Junior Achievement's Economics Program is a one-semester course in which students examine the U.S. economic system, explore business operations, study the emerging global economy, and acquire knowledge and skills necessary to function as competent citizens, workers, and consumers. Contact Katie Vanderzwan for information at katie@jaidaho.org or (208) 378-1519 or go to <http://idaho.ja.org/>.

KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT ANNUAL CONFERENCE (IDAHO 4-H)

This program provides 4-H members in the 8th and 9th grades a state level opportunity for furthering the objectives of Community Pride. Delegates will participate in legislative or judicial workshops and: Learn how the state government decision-making process works, learn how teens can participate politically to influence state government, learn how the state judicial system works, learn what is involved in bringing a case to court, observe the legislative process in action, meet and share ideas with legislators, judges, and other elected officials, and have breakfast with legislators and judges. Action to improve communities requires knowledge of government and how it works. Join 4-Hers from across the state to see our government in action. Contact Mary Jean Craig for more information at mcraig@uidaho.edu or (208) 885-6498 or go to <http://www.agls.uidaho.edu/4-h/2004%20Curriculum/Citizenship/Citizindex.htm#CWF>.

NEED INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT?

The NCES School District Demographic System (SDDS) provides census data on school districts. This dataset is one of the largest special tabulations developed from the 2000 census and includes more than one billion demographic estimates. The tabulation provides more than 100,000 unique demographic characteristics per school district. The tabulation creates one of the largest, most current sources of children's demographics available from the U.S. Census Bureau. In addition to new data, the SDDS Map Viewer has also been enhanced to allow more "Adjust Legend" options and 35 more available demographic selections to overlay on the school district maps. The image size of the map has also been increased by more than 50%. To view the new data and use the new features go to: nces.ed.gov/surveys/sdds. Contact Richard Ledington for any questions, at (208) 334-3216 or dledingt@pte.state.id.us.

NEW CENTURY FARMER PROGRAM

If you know someone who is between the ages of 19-22 and involved in production agriculture, here is some really exciting news! In conjunction with Pioneer HI-bred and Dupont, the National FFA Organization is offering an opportunity to participate in the New Century Farmer program. The program is open to 40 participants annually. Participants must be majoring in production agriculture and plan to return to the farm or are currently engaged in part time or full time farming. This four-day seminar is focused on helping the participant enhance their farming operations and their ability to understand their role as a leader in production agriculture. The program is held every summer, at the Pioneer Campus in Des Moines, Iowa. Contact Jim Armbruster for more information at (317) 802-4334, e-mail him at jarmbruster@ffa.org or go to www.ffa.org/programs/ncfarmer/index.html

NxLEVEL

NxLevel "Get the Buzz on Biz" is a youth entrepreneurial course where materials were conceived, designed and written with enterprising youth in mind. The text is designed to compliment class work and serve as a reference book as young entrepreneurs start and grow businesses. The 16-module course is designed to be taught in a variety of configurations including, traditional classroom, after school, and camp settings. For more information please visit NxLevel's Web site at <http://www.nxlevel.org/Pages/main.html> and click on the "enterprising youth" link or call (800) 873-9378.

POSTSECONDARY PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Postsecondary professional-technical education programs and services are delivered through a statewide system of six technical colleges. Technical colleges deliver occupational programs on a full- or part-time basis, adult upgrading and retraining, customized training, related instruction for apprentices and emergency services training which includes fire service, hazardous materials and anti-terrorism training. Each technical college has a Center for New Directions to provide individual assessment, counseling, job readiness training and supportive services as a complimentary and effective component prior to and during training. Contact Mike Rush, Professional-Technical Education, for questions and additional information at (208) 334-3216 or e-mail at [http://www.mrush@pte.state.id.us](mailto:mrush@pte.state.id.us) or go to the Web site <http://www.pte.state.id.us/>

SHORT-TERM WORK FORCE TRAINING

Provides short-term, industry specific, customized training closely related to the regular postsecondary programs for individuals already in the workforce and for dislocated and displaced workers. Training is also specifically customized for business and industry to provide a ready workforce for new and expanding companies. Workforce development/customized training, (short-term training), for adults is paid primarily by employer contributions and user fees, with additional support from the professional-technical education general program budget. The Workforce Training Network (WTN), in coordination with the State Division of Professional-Technical Education, coordinated training resources from all six technical colleges in cooperation with the Departments of Labor and Commerce. Contact Mike Rush, Professional-Technical Education for questions and additional information, at (208) 334-3216, e-mail mrush@pte.state.id.us or go to the Web site <http://www.pte.state.id.us/>.

STEP UP TO LEADERSHIP (IDAHO 4-H)

Youth of all ages will share in the fun as they learn the dynamic process of leadership. Mentor guides include information, interactive activities, and real life experience in relationship building, communication, group process, and planning and organizing. All activities offer a cross-cultural perspective. Young children and teens can lead in many ways -- at home, in clubs, youth groups, school and the community. The fun continues with an interactive web site to enhance and support learning. Contact Arlinda Nauman, State 4-H office, 208-885-7276 or anauman@uidaho.edu or visit the <http://www.agls.uidaho.edu/4-h>.

TEEN CONFERENCE (IDAHO 4-H)

4-H Teen Conference is an annual event for 8th - 12th grade youth held on the University of Idaho campus each June. Youth from all around the state come to the campus to learn about various topics through in-depth workshop tracks. Examples of workshops tracks are food science, leadership, fashion design and marketing, livestock management, natural resources and recreation, and computer technology. Youth experience campus life and become aware of the opportunities at the University of Idaho. Contact Arlinda Nauman, State 4-H office, 208-885-7276 or anauman@uidaho.edu or visit the <http://www.agls.uidaho.edu/4-h>.

WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD

Within the state, several counties in eastern Idaho are conducting "Welcome to the Real World", a program for teens that covers both information on career choices and learning to budget. Contact Marnie Spencer, Bingham County Extension to learn more about this program at (208) 782-2698, marniers@uidaho.edu or go to <https://webstore.aces.uiuc.edu/shopsite/RW-03-CD.html>.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT YOUTH PROGRAMS

Numerous Workforce Investment Boards across the State have youth representation. These Boards are coordinated by the Idaho Department of Commerce & Labor local offices (formerly known as Job Service Centers). As part of the service delivery, the offices work one-on-one with youth to develop pre-employment and work maturity skills necessary for any business. There is also individual counseling available to assess interests and assist with school selection, tuition assistance and supportive services to meet the young persons needs. Contact your local office of the Idaho Department of Commerce & Labor local offices (formerly known as Job Service Centers) or go to www.jobservice.us.

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